Public and Indian Housing

Public Housing Programs

Choice Neighborhoods

Demonstration grant program to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into functioning, sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods.

Nature of Program: The Choice Neighborhoods initiative demonstration program provides competitive planning grants and implementation grants to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty with public and HUD-assisted housing into functioning, sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods with appropriate services, public assets, transportation and access to jobs, and schools, including public schools, community schools, and charter schools.

Choice Neighborhoods grants primarily fund the preservation, rehabilitation and transformation of public and HUD-assisted housing. Funds may also be used for the conversion of vacant or foreclosed properties to affordable housing.

Grantees must undertake comprehensive local planning with input from residents and the community. A strong emphasis is placed on local community planning for school and educational improvements, including early childhood initiatives. Grantees shall create partnerships with other local organizations including assisted housing owners, service agencies and resident organizations.

Applicant Eligibility: Local governments, public housing authorities, non-profit organizations and for profit organizations that apply in partnership with a public entity.

Legal Authority: FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Division A, Title II (Public Law 111-117); FY 2011 Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law 112-10); FY 2012 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Division C, Title II (Public Law 112-55); Section 24 of the 1937 Act, 42 U.S.C. 1437v.

Administering Office: Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

Information Source: Administering office; Office of Public and Indian Housing. On the Web: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/cn

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